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Kentucky Labor Cabinet to Hold Free OSHA Training in Louisville to Help Workers, Employers

Free courses Feb. 24-27 at Builders Exchange in Louisville

FRANKFORT, Ky. (**Feb. 10, 2014**) – The Kentucky Labor Cabinet will hold free training courses the last week of February at Builders Exchange of Kentucky, 2300 Meadow Drive, in Louisville. The training includes various topics that will benefit nearly all types of workers and employers in Kentucky.

Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of courses, including an overview of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (OSH), crane safety for construction, hazard communication classifications and requirements, excavation and trenching safety, injury and illness recordkeeping, basic electrical safety, fall protection, and regulations involving working in confined spaces.

"These free courses cover regulations, requirements and guidelines that employers need to follow to make sure their workplaces are as safe as possible," said Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts. "This is a valuable service the Labor Cabinet is proud to provide to the businesses and workers in the Commonwealth."

The courses include group-based and hands-on learning activities, and will feature presentations from the highly-trained staff of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

To register online, visit http://www.rsvpbook.com/louisville214.

The following is a schedule of the training courses:

Monday, Feb. 24

Overview of the Kentucky OSH Program: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion include the operations of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program, including enforcement and voluntary compliance services, and safety and health topics currently considered for future standards and policies.

Crane Safety for Construction: 1 - 4 p.m.

This session addresses major changes which took effect on Nov. 8, 2010 and provides a basic overview of 1926, Subpart CC, including mobile cranes, tower cranes and certifications requirements for crane operators. Topics will also include requirements for riggers, electrical hazards, and crane inspections.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Hazard Communication/Global Harmonization: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This session covers the basic requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200 and the revised provision of the standard as they relate to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Attendees will learn about the revised standard, which will include chemical hazard classification, written program requirements, container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets, and associated deadlines for the new requirements under GHS.

Excavation and Trenching Safety: 1 - 4 p.m.

This session considers provisions carried under 1926, Subpart C and Subpart P, related to trenching and excavation safety. The class will review site preparation, opening and working inside an excavation, and the requirements for employee protection. Sample emergency action plan and daily excavation checklists will be provided.

Note: Attendees will not become a "competent person" from only attending this course.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Injury and Illness Recordkeeping: 8 a.m. - noon

This session is for those persons responsible for maintaining the revised injury and illness records. The forms 300, 301 and 300A will be covered. The regulations and guidelines for recordkeeping will be discussed, as well as the compliance directive the Kentucky OSH compliance officer will use to evaluate employers' records. A recordkeeping example workshop will be part of the course, time permitting.

Note: Participants will receive an OSHA Training Institute certificate for this class from Eastern Kentucky University's OSHA Training Institute Education Center.

Basic Electrical Safety 1-4 p.m.

This session covers the basic requirements surrounding the approval, installation, and use of electrical equipment and devices. The course is built around OSHA standards found in 1910.303 to .305, and includes a discussion of OSHA and industry standards as they relate to the installation of electrical equipment, commonly cited approval and installation violations, an overview of the equipment approval process, cord-marking requirements and basic hazards of commonly-made electrical wiring.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Fall Protection (Construction) 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This session covers the elements of 1926.500-503 and associated industry standards. Topics include the requirements to provide a fall protection system, the description and requirements for each fall protection system and training requirements. Attendees should leave with a basic understanding of KYOSH's requirements for working at heights on commercial construction sites.

Note: This course does not cover fall protection requirements for residential construction sites.

Permit Required Confined Space 1 - 4 p.m.

This session explains the regulations regarding entry into and working in confined spaces. Topics include the regulatory impact of the 1910.146 standard, developing a written program, training employees, permit systems, rescue operations and employee participation.

About the free training courses

Each year the Labor Cabinet presents a series of cost-free courses at major population centers throughout Kentucky. These courses are for both employers and employees, and are typically given over a one-week period in each population center. The courses are designed to outline the requirements contained in the various subparts of the general industry and construction standards, covering both safety and health issues.

The tentative locations and months for 2014 include Somerset in March, Owensboro in July, Lexington in August, and Louisville in October.

The classes will be available for viewing and online registration approximately four weeks prior to each session. The complete schedule will be available on the Labor Cabinet's website, www.labor.ky.gov.

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